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PATENT

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In re Application of

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For: METHOD, CHEMICALS AND AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM
USING LIQUIFIED CO2 TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE
EXTINGUISHING AGENTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

By Official Action mailed March 4, 2004 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

Group I Claims 1, 3 and 4, drawn to a method.

Group II Claims 2 and 4, drawn to an apparatus.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 2 and 4) for examination in this case.

The restriction is traversed for the reason that, although the Examiner says that the method does not require the use of self-sucking injectors as required in the apparatus, the Examiner has not demonstrated how this distinction is materially different within the context of examining both claim sets. Accordingly, examination of all claims is believed appropriate in this case.

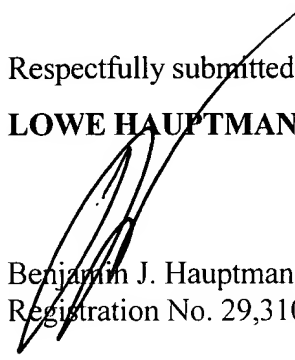
Early examination of at least the elected claims on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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